

I agree with this new measure of security. Requiring that pilots carry photo identification is a step in the right direction. I however also agree with the TSA in that this should exist only as an interim requirement. As we progress in the future, we should strive to develop better methods of certification and certification design. At the very least, a certificate format should be designed with a photograph of the pilot. This idea does bring up the problem of cost. I believe that the cost will be minimal.

I am from the state of Illinois and in this state, as in many others, there are costs attached to other similar certifications. In Illinois to purchase a firearm it is required that you obtain a firearms ownership identification card (FOID card) from the state. In the process of obtaining a FOID card, you must fill out a form and provide a self-taken photograph that is then mailed into the proper state facilities. The state performs its necessary background check and then upon verification they laminate together a paper card printed with your information and the picture provided by you. They then return the card to you via the mail. This entire process costs \$5 plus the price of the photograph and postage. This would seem to me to be well within the reach of any person that could obtain a pilot's license. I believe something analogous to this with necessary modifications may be appropriate for a FAA certification in the event that it would be periodically renewed and based on a federal level.

Another example similar to the first is the process that many of us go through to acquire a license to drive an automobile. Other than the time cost involved with the situation, the financial cost is minimal. In the state of Illinois the cost is \$10 and employees of the facility take the picture for you. I believe that this also can be translated into a practice that could be applied to pilots and maybe in a simpler world, it would just be combined with a driver's license and added on as a different class of vehicle.

I consider the redesigning of the certificate format to include a photo to be the very minimum that can be done. I hope that the FAA, TSA, NTSB and any other organizations involved will be quick to implement something in the order that I have mentioned and additionally, in the not too distant future, consider something of a higher level of sophistication. My ultimate hope, although somewhat optimistic, would be that through the usage of higher technology, we could eventually develop a certification system and certificate design that would be highly security oriented and eventually provide an infallibility to greatest extent humanly possible.